Census of Minority Communities

4219. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report titled, 'Christian council demands apology from Government', which appeared in the media;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the objective of the censu

(c) whether such census of Christians and other minority comm is being caried out in other States in the country apart from Gujar id

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Gujarat has informed that they have not ordered any survey or census of any particular community.

(c) Government have no such information.

(d) Does not arise.

Survey of Christians in Gujarat

4220. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a door-to-door campaign is being conducted in Gujarat to collect information about family details of the Christian population by State Police;

(b) if so, the details thereof and purpose thereof;

(c) whether there is a feeling of fear among the local Christian families on that score; and

(d) the measures being adopted to mollify their apprehensions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):(a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat has informed

that no survey or census of any particular community in the State has been ordered by them.

(c) The All India Christian Council expressed apprehensions about some routine and localised administrative enquiries being carried on by the State authorities. However, the Government of Gujarat has informed that no feeling of fear amongst the local Christian families has been reported.

(d) Government is committed to protect properties and lives of all the citizens including minorities irrespective of their caste, creed or religion.

Strength of National Integration Council

4221. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of Members of National Integration Council;

(b) when the last meeting of NIC was held;

(c) the reasons for not calling a single meeting of NIC by the present NDA Government; and

(d) by when Government propose to call a meeting of NIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI):(a) and (b) The last meeting of National Integration Council (NIC) was held on 23.11.1992. At that time there were 147 Members of the NIC.

(c) and (d) The reconstitution of NIC is under consideration of the Government at the moment and the meeting of NIC would be convened thereafter.

Threat perception on Indo-Bangla Border

4222. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that threat perception on Indo-Bangladesh Border is on the rise;